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**ELECTION AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE
ACTION DATED APRIL 05, 2002**

This paper is filed in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed April 05, 2002, and having a two month shortened statutory response period. A one month extension of time is enclosed, extending the date of response to July 05, 2002. If any additional fees are due, please charge Sulzer Medica Deposit Account No. 09-0473.

Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form, and request amendment of the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

1. On page 24, after the last paragraph beginning "While the present ...," please insert the following sentence as a new paragraph:

The Sequence Listing appended hereto is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

2. After page 30, which contains the Abstract, please append the attached Sequence Listing.

REMARKS

The amino acid sequences contained in the Sequence Listing submitted herewith in both paper and computer readable form correspond to the sequences described in Figures 15A and 15B of the application as filed and do not constitute new matter.

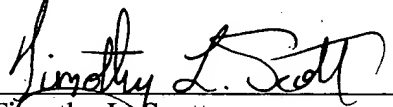
Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.821(f)

The content of the official Sequence Listing submitted herewith and the computer readable copy also submitted herewith are the same.

It is believed that the requirements identified in the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated April 5, 2002 have been fully addressed in this response. However, if a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (713) 561-6374.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,



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